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September 30, 2014

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

29 September 30, 2014

Sachi A. Hamai
SACHI A. HAMAI
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**INTERSTATE 710 CORRIDOR
FROM STATE ROUTE 60 TO OCEAN BOULEVARD
AMENDMENT 8 TO AGREEMENT 74393
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES-GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1 AND 2)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to approve Amendment 8 to Agreement 74393 between the County and the Gateway Cities Council of Governments to allow the County to continue to participate in the development of an Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement for the Interstate 710 Corridor.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

Approve and instruct the Chairman of the Board to sign Amendment 8 to Agreement 74393 between the County and the Gateway Cities Council of Governments providing for the County to pay an annual assessment of \$35,000 in each of the Fiscal Years 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, and 2020-21 to finance its proportional share of the administrative and planning activities to be performed by the Gateway Cities Council of Governments' staff toward an Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement for the Interstate 710 Corridor from State Route 60 to Ocean Boulevard.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to execute the enclosed Amendment 8 to Agreement 74393 between the County and the Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG) allowing the County to continue its membership on the Interstate 710 (I-710) Executive Committee, I-710

Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) Project Committee and the I-710 Technical Advisory Committee for 7 additional years, if necessary. The amendment also provides for the County to pay the GCCOG an annual assessment of \$35,000 in each of the Fiscal Years 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, and 2020-21 to finance its proportional share of the administrative and planning activities to be performed by GCCOG's staff toward an EIR/EIS.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) and Integrated Service Delivery (Goal 3).

The approval of this amendment allows continual collaborative efforts between agencies to proceed with the preparation of an EIR/EIS for the I-710 Corridor that may ultimately result in a project that will improve travel conditions and enhance the safety of motorists traveling on the I-710 Corridor thereby improving their quality of life.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The First and Second Supervisorial Districts' jurisdictional shares of the \$35,000 annual assessment are \$25,000 and \$10,000, respectively. The necessary funds are available in the First and Second Supervisorial Districts' current Road Construction Programs in the Road Fund Fiscal Year 2014-15 budget. The \$35,000 required for other fiscal years will be provided for through the annual budget process.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The amendment has been approved, as to form, by GCCOG and County Counsel.

GCCOG entered into an agreement with the California Department of Transportation, the Southern California Association of Governments, and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) to complete a Major Corridor Study on the I-710 Corridor to explore ways to improve travel conditions along the I-710 Corridor from State Route 60 (SR-60) to the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles.

The goal of the study was to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the overall transportation system within the I-710 Corridor and based on results of this evaluation to produce a complete plan to identify a preferred alternative for improvement.

On March 11, 2003, the Board approved Agreement 74393 providing for the County to become a member of the I-710 Corridor Oversight Policy Committee in order to address the impacts of the study on the unincorporated County areas along the I-710 Corridor and to pay an amount of \$35,000 for its proportional share of the projected costs of the study for Fiscal Year 2002-03. The Board subsequently approved three amendments providing for the County to contribute an additional amount of \$255,000 for its proportional share of the costs of this study.

GCCOG's consultant identified five design alternatives for the improvement of the corridor and worked with all agencies and communities along the I-710 Corridor in the development of a hybrid alternative that combined appropriate elements from the five alternatives and resulted in fewer impacts on residential and commercial properties.

On January 27, 2005, LACMTA's Board of Directors adopted the study that included a locally preferred strategy for the I-710 Corridor. On June 22, 2006, LACMTA's Board of Directors adopted an Alternative Analysis for the I-5/I-710 Interchange also referred to as the East Los Angeles Mini-Study and incorporated it into the study. LACMTA's Board of Directors also authorized its Chief Executive Officer to proceed with the preparation of an EIR/EIS for the I-710 Corridor pursuant to the study.

On May 6, 2008, the Board approved Implementation Amendment 4 between the County and GCCOG providing for the County to pay an annual assessment of \$35,000 in Fiscal Years 2007-08, 2008-09, and 2009-10 to finance its proportional share of the administration and planning activities to be performed by GCCOG's staff during the preparation of an EIR/EIS for the I-710 Corridor from SR-60 to Ocean Boulevard. The Board also authorized the Director of Public Works to extend the term of the implementation amendment for 1 additional year, if necessary.

On August 5, 2010, the Director used her delegated authority to approve Amendment 5 providing for the County to pay an assessment in the amount of \$35,000 for its share of the costs involved with the development of an EIR/EIS in Fiscal Year 2010-11.

On November 1, 2011, the Board approved Implementation Amendment 6 between the County and GCCOG providing for the County to pay an annual assessment of \$35,000 in Fiscal Years 2011-12 and 2012-13 to finance its proportional share of the administration and planning activities to be performed by GCCOG's staff during the preparation of an EIR/EIS for the I-710 Corridor from SR-60 to Ocean Boulevard. The Board also authorized the Director to extend the term of the implementation amendment for 1 additional year, if necessary.

On August 20, 2013, the Director used her delegated authority to approve Amendment 7 providing for the County to pay an assessment in the amount of \$35,000 for its share of the costs involved with the development of an EIR/EIS in Fiscal Year 2013-14.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed action is not a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act because it is an activity that is excluded from the definition of a project by Section 15378(b)(5) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines. This proposed action is an administrative activity of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment. When a commitment is made to the construction of a project that may result in a potentially significant impact on the environment an EIR/EIS will be given to the California Department of Transportation decision making body for review and approval.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The I-710 Corridor is the principal transportation connection for the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles. It is an essential component in the regional, statewide, and national transportation system as it serves both goods movement and passenger needs. Improvements to the I-710 Corridor are needed and of general County interest.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter and two originals of the amendment to the Department of Public Works, Programs Development Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)
County Counsel
Executive Office

AMENDMENT 8 TO AGREEMENT 74393

THIS AMENDMENT 8 TO AGREEMENT 74393 (hereinafter referred to as AMENDMENT), made and entered into by and between the GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, a California joint powers authority (hereinafter referred to as GCCOG), and the COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, a political subdivision of the State of California (hereinafter referred to as COUNTY):

W I T N E S S E T H

WHEREAS, GCCOG and COUNTY have heretofore executed GCCOG - COUNTY Agreement 74393, dated May 6, 2008 (hereinafter referred to as AGREEMENT), to allow the COUNTY to participate in the development of an Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement for the Interstate 710 Corridor, previously and (hereinafter referred to as I-710 EIR/EIS); and

WHEREAS, under the terms of AGREEMENT, COUNTY agreed to pay an annual assessment of \$35,000 in Fiscal Years 2007-08, 2008-09, and 2009-10 to finance its proportional share of the administration and planning activities to be performed by GCCOG during the preparation of the I-710 EIR/EIS from State Route 60 to Ocean Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY and GCCOG have heretofore executed Amendment 5 to the AGREEMENT, on August 5, 2010, to extend the term of the AGREEMENT to June 30, 2011; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY and GCCOG have heretofore executed Amendment 6 to the AGREEMENT, on November 1, 2011, to allow the COUNTY to continue to participate in the development of the I-710 EIR/EIS through Fiscal Years 2011-12 and 2012-13; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY and GCCOG have heretofore executed Amendment 7 to the AGREEMENT, on August 20, 2013, to extend the term of the AGREEMENT for one additional year to June 30, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the administration and planning activities related to the I-710 EIR/EIS are still ongoing; and

WHEREAS, an extension of the term of the AGREEMENT is beneficial to and in the general interest of GCCOG and COUNTY; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with Section (9) c., of AGREEMENT, GCCOG and COUNTY mutually agree to amend the AGREEMENT as follows:

Section (1) of the AGREEMENT is amended to read as follows:

Section 1. Assessment for Proportional Costs. COUNTY agrees to pay to GCCOG an annual assessment in the amount of Thirty-Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$35,000.00) in Fiscal Years 2014-15 thru 2020-21 upon demand by the GCCOG to finance its proportional share of the projected costs of the planning and administrative activities to be performed by GCCOG staff during the preparation of the EIR/EIS based on the following contribution formula. Said demand will consist of a billing invoice prepared by GCCOG at the beginning of the fiscal year.

\$37,500 (Population over 200,000)	\$25,000 (Population over 50,000)	\$10,000 (Population under 50,000)
Long Beach	Carson Compton Downey Huntington Park Lynwood Paramount South Gate County of Los Angeles (for unincorporated East Los Angeles)*	Bell Bell Gardens Commerce Cudahy Maywood Vernon County of Los Angeles (for unincorporated Rancho Dominguez)*

*These assessments are merged into one \$35,000 contribution.

Section (2) of the AGREEMENT is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Section 2. Term: The term of this AGREEMENT shall remain and continue in effect until completion of the I-710 EIR/EIS or June 30, 2021, whichever is earlier.

In all other respects, the provisions of AGREEMENT shall remain in full force and effect.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this AGREEMENT to be executed by their respective officers duly authorized by the GATEWAY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS on _____, 2014, and by the COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES on September 30,, 2014.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By *Don Knebe*
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

SACHI A. HAMAI
Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

By *Carla Little*
Deputy



I hereby certify that pursuant to Section 25103 of the Government Code, delivery of this document has been made.

SACHI A. HAMAI
Executive Officer
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By *Carla Little*
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RICHARD D. WEISS
Acting County Counsel

By *Julia Weissman*
Deputy

GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS

By *Tony Lima*
Tony Lima, President

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